# A MAN LOST

The Mysterious Disappearance of a Visiting Georgian.

LAST SEEN AT SPARTANBURG

He Is the Cashier of a Bank at Athens, Ga., But His Accounts Are All Straight.

A dispatch from Greenville, S. C., says: Dr. C. H. White, of Athens, Ga., reached here this morning by the white boy who was some time ago sent 6:45 train from Atlanta in search of Mr. John A. Benedict, cashier of the his own father. This case was a nota-Exchange bank of Athens, whose mys-terious disappearance in this city a killing his father, setting up as a deweek ago today was a startling revela- fense that he did so to prevent his Benedict came here from Greenwood, take him in the country. He was re-terred to Charles & Easley, at the Mansion House stables, and left the tion, he died Friday. On the day he died his mother was wired of his ex-treme illness. She came here and the ing to the stables which are only a hun- | int rment. dred yards distant. His luggage was left in the hotel and from the moment memorials the same day. One of them he stepped outside all trace of Mr. Benedict has been lost. He did not hire a conveyance from any stable in ing; but suffered a relapse in the even the city nor has a street hack ever been ing. A female convict was taken sick found who could give any information with the disease Sunday and died Mon concerning him. The police and other day. There have been, as stated, up to officers have made a diligent inquiry date five cases. The two remaining and there is not the semblance of proof to this hour in what direction Benedict went when he left the hotel. Every clue so far has failed and all inquiries have resulted in disappointment.

Dr. White is accompanied by Capt. B. F. Culp, the Athens chief of police, and with the local police force the search continues hour by hour without result. A Negro employed at the Mansion House stables says a tall man came there and asked about a conveyance Tuesday afternoon but went away without making any engagement in the absence of the proprietors. He said another Negro heard the man talk and could tell where he wanted to go but when he was interrogated the recollection of the occurrence could not be

brought to his mind. At 8 p. m. this evening Chief Kennerected all the hack drivers in the city all of the pension rolls sent in from the the death of the governor, now becomes and the other state officers, Senator State reunion. Chester promises every to assemble at the station house and when they came he exhibited to them the baggage left by Mr. Benedict at the Mansion Jouse which is a telescope made of www, an uncommon and striking piece of baggage. One of the hack On the contrary a belated township re- will decline to be sworn in as governor drivers instantly recognized the telescope and said he brought the gentleman who owned it to the Mansion House and afterwards took him to the peund vestibuled train at 5:30 p. The gentleman said he was going to Spartanburg, and he evidently intended to return, as he went to Rothschild's store and bought a small satchel then went to the hotel and made some

changes in his apparel, taking the yet been heard from, but efforts are being made to ascertain whether Mr. Benedict ever reached there. It is Dr. White's theory that some accident must have befallen Mr. Benedict between here and Spartanburg or he would have the fact of his leaving for Spartanburg was discovered, Mr. John Smith was at the station and said that he saw Mr. Benedict in front of the hotel last Tuesday where he heard an introduction given to Mr. Benedict by an acquaintance from Georgia, and also heard Mr. Benedict say he might visit Lockhart cotton mills in Union county. This furnishes another clue to his movements and the Lockhart mills will be asked by wire as to his coming there.

The mystery is not being cleared as yet but there is great relief to know that the stranger who so suddenly disappeared was not lost in Greenville. Dr. White and Capt. Culp will leave for Spartanburg by the early morning train, but will use every method to fol- | who had been but chary advertisers and low Benedict's movements if possible

A dispatch from Athens, Ga., says: "John A. Benedict, cashier of the Exchange bank and owner of the Athens Roll Cover company, has been missing The result is that he has cleared in the since last Tuesday. He went to Green last year \$600.000 on his New York ville, S. C., on business connected with the roll cover concern and on Tuesday morning left the hotel there to visit cot- newspaper of that city for a page adton mills at Spartanburg. His accounts at the bank have been found absolutely correct by experts. No reason can be this requires nerve-likewise brains. assigned by family or friends, who fear | There is in every city at least one man he has met with an accident or foul who can become the Wanamaker of his

Case of Miscegenation.

It seems that Greenville has a genuine case of miscegenation, which is likely to create trouble for the parties interested. George Hamilton, white, formerly a member of the Fourth New Jersey regiment, came back to Greenville a few weeks ago and made his headquarters at the home of Marion Love, a colored man. Not long after his arrival Hamilton was married to Malissa Love, a daughter of his host, contrary to the laws of this State. Magistrate Mauldin issued warrants a few days ago for Hamilton and his dusky bride, but the groom has absconded. Wednesday night the bride was arrested and sent to jail, and Thursday morning Rev Thos. Minus, the colored preacher who performed the ceremony, was arrested and gave bail for his appearance. The constable and police are searching for Hamilton, but it is probable that he has left for New Jersey. It is understood that the Negroes in the Love neighborhood were highly elated at the alliance, but the rejoicing did not last long.

Fierce Fire on Ship.

erbocker, which left New Orleans May and the Bethlehem Iron company subton and large quantities of rice, molas- able to furnish armor of the character 24th with a cargo of 2,000 bales of cotses and hides, arrived at New York required at the price fixed by congress. Wednesday with two compartments Burnstine Bros. of San Francisco made burning fiercely. The first was dis- a blanket offer to furnish all the armor covered when the ship was five days out, but through the efforts of her crew the knowledge of the fact was kept from the knowl covered when the ship was five days required for \$450 per ton, which, howthe knowledge of the fact was kept from 45 passengers aboard, and there was no alarm. No estimate can be given of this year.

Siess. It is finite was the firm of the ships authorized last year and seven ships authorized last year and year -the loss, as the fire is still burning.

### THREE CONVICTS DIED

From Meningitis in the State Penitentiary.

There has been considerable excitement for several days over the appearance of several cases of meningitis at the State penitentiary. In view of the talk about the matter, a representative of The State Tuesday called on Superinterdent Griffith and Dr. Griffith, who is at present in charge of the medical department at the prison, owing to the

fact that Dr. Sturkie, the regular physician, is quite sick at his home. So far five cases have developed at the institution, and three of them have terminated fatally. The first victim was young Solomon, the 14-year-old up for a 15-year term for the killing of

tion to our citizens and was made father from killing his sister, many beknown for the first time after the ar- lieve that he was guiltless of the crime. rival of Dr. White this morning. Mr. His mother was here and visited him on Wednesday last. In the afternoon, afregistered at the Mansion House in the ter she had gone, the lad was stricken afternoon about 4 o'clock, inquired with cerebro spinal meningitis, and where he might get a conveyance to though he was given the best of attenhotel with the apparent purpose of go- body was taken back to Hampton for

3 Negro convicts were seized with ed on Saturday last: the other is still alive. He was better Tuesday morncases have been thoroughly isolated, and the quarters which the affected prisoners occupied have been disinfected. Dr. Griffith, who is in charge, says that though the disease is to a certain extent contagious, he hopes through the steps taken to prevent any further spread. He has conferred with Dr. Taylor and with Dr. A. Earle Beozer, chairman of the Columbia board of health, and nothing will be left un-done to prevent the disease affecting T. C. Moody at Marion number comother prisoners.—State.

TO BE PAID.

#### The State Pensioners Will Soon Get their Money.

Wednesday the State board of penvarious counties by the township and governor of South Carolina, it being county boards. Every doubtful name only necessary to appear before a magwas carefully considered and the case istrate or notary, if he so desires, and looked into with unusual pains, but the take the oath of office. It is underboard failed utterly to reduce the list. stood, however, that Mr. McSweeney port containing 24 additional names came in and the grand total as shown by the list when finally approved was 7,090, against a total of 6,694 for last

The board also apportioned the pension fund for this year, and the individual pensioners will be gratified to know that they will get practically the same amount as last year. Class A pensioners will get \$72 apiece, identisatchel with him. Spartanburg has not cally the same as last year. Those of class B will ge: \$17.60 apiece, as against \$18.40 last year. Those in the other classes will each receive \$13.20 as against \$13 80 last year.

The clerk of the State board of pensions will immediately begin the work been heard from there. Shortly after of drawing the warrants for the individual pensioners and they will as soon as completed be sent to the clerks of court in the several counties for distribution. Due notice of the forwarding of these warrants will be given in the press. When they have been sent out the pensioners can get them by applying at their respective court houses. The work will be pushed with all possible dispatch, so that the pensioners will be able to get their money in the shortest time. - State.

Advertising Pays.

John Wanamaker, the mar who believes in newspaper advertising, went to New York two years ago and bought the stock of Hilton, Hughes & Co., had been losing money for years. He began forthwith to try the advertising cure for dry . t, and his half-page announcements have been daily features of all the prominent New York papers. store. For his Philadelphia store he has just closed a contract with one vertisement daily, for which he will pay \$100,000 a year. Advertising like | Ten Thousand Volunteer Troops Likecommunity if he have the nerve-and example.—State.

Our Cotton Mills. A Greenville dispatch says that in the last year Piedmont cotton mill has earned \$200,000, Pelzer \$285,000, Clifthe capital stock. The banks there are making more money than others it is drawal of the volunteers." because their managers are older hands expert.—State.

No Armor for Ships.

At Washington bids were to have been opened by the navy department at noon Wednesday for armor for batnow authorized by the law, but no bids advisable to muster in volunteers." were received within the price fixed by congress. The Carnegie Steel company unteers will the call only be for the mitted statements that they were un-

# GOV. ELLERBE DEAD.

fairfield

South Carolina's Chief Magistrate Passes Away

AFTFR LINGERING ILLNESS.

The Funeral Took Place at His Home in Marion Gounty. Interment in Family Burial Ground.

Gov. W. H. Ellerbe died at his home at Sellers, Marion County, at half-past 8 o'clock Friday night. Early Friday morning the governor was about the same as the night before, but about 10 o'clock he had a strangling spell and came very near dying. The governor said there was no hope; that he was dying, and called for help. The doctor gave him very strong stimulants from which he rallied a little, but later in the afternoon he began to sink. The doctor said he could not live long, but the end was not expected so soon in the night. At 8:26 he died seemingly very easy. The governor's deathbed was surrounded by all the members of his immediate family, all his brothers and sisters being present.

THE NEWS AT THE CAPITOL. The first news of Governor Ellerbe's death reached the city Friday night through a telegram from the chief executive's brother to Private Secretary Evans. While it was of course not unexpected, the announcement called forth many expressions of sorrow. In official circles the news was received with the most profound sorrow, and at once preparations begun for the official family to attend the funeral at Sellers. The telegram from Mr. J. E. Ellerbe, the governor's brother, to Private Secretary Evans, read as follows:

"Governor Ellerbe died this afternoon at 8:25. Buried tomorrow at 4

MR. M'SWEENEY NOTIFIED.

Immediately upon the receipt of this telegram Mr. Evans went to the telegraph office and sent two messages to Lieut. Gov. McSweeney, the one addressed to Hampton and the other to Augusta, Mr. Evans having heard that Mr. McSweeney was in Augusta during until after the funeral of the deceased chief executive.

WILD ARRIVE IN TIME. It-was feared that the firstenant governor would not be reached by wire and would thus be unable to get to Sellers in time for the funeral, but later the following telegram was received

Hampton, S. C., June 2, 1899. W. Boyd Evans, Columbia, S. C. I am truly sorry to learn of Gover-

nor Ellerbe's death. Will go to Columbia at once. M. B. McSweeney. By reason of the fact that Lieutenant Governor McSweeney becomes governor, Senator R. B. Scarborough of Horry county, who is a prominent attorney of Conway, and one of the most highly esteemed members of the State senate, being president pro tem of that body, now becomes lieutenant governor to succeed Mr. McSweeney.

Mr. Evans also notified by wire the two United States senators, the seven congressmen and a number of the dead governor's most intimate personal and political friends.

TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL. He then saw that all the State house

officials were notified. These proceeded at once to arrange with the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line for a special train to be run to sellers, leaving Columbia Saturday in time to reach Sellers for the obsequies. The run will be 107 miles and the train will leave 11:30 o'clock. The Ellerbe homestead is two miles in one direction from the station and the family burial ground is three miles in another. The State capitol was closed Saturday and the flags on the building was displayed at half-mast for the proper length of time.

MORE MEN WANTED.

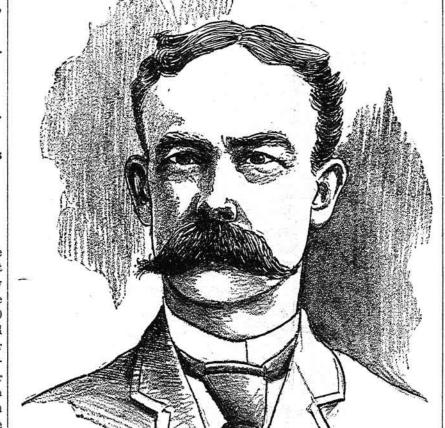
# ly to be Called for.

The war in the Philippines is not the brains-to follow the Wanamaker over by any means. Last Thursday replying to the inquiries of the Secretary of War, Gen. Otis telegraphs from Manila "that he is still of the opinion that 30,000 troops will be necessary for the effective control of the Philippines. Secretary Alger took Gen. Otis' cable ton \$270,000 and Pacolet \$230,000, a to the president, and after a conference total of nearly \$1,000,000 profits for with him stated that the text of the disfour mills. The earnings of the big patch would not be made public. "It mills around Spartanburg are said to reaffirms Gen. Otis' estimate made have ranged from 20 to 35 per cent. on sometime ago," said the secretary, the capital stock. The banks there are "that 30,000 men would be sufficient congested with dividend money. Small | to cope with the situation. As I stated wonder that the Piedmont section pros- Wednesday, the regulars now on the pers when it gets such returns from its | way or under orders to go on to the factories. All our mills are making | Philippines will give Gen. Otis about money, but if those in that quarter are | 24,000 or 25,000 men after the with-

"Where will the additional 5.000 or at the business and from practice more | 6,000 men for whom Gen. Oxis asks come from?" the secretary was asked. "That has not been definitely determined as yet," he replied.

"We may be able to take the additional troops asked for from the regulars now loated in this country, Cuba, tleships, monitors and armored cruisers and PuertocRico, or it may be found "In case it is decided to call for vol-

Gen. Otis' total up to 30,000



GOVERNOR M. B. McSWEENEY.

TAKES THE OATH.

#### Lieut. Gov. McSweeney is Sworn in as Governor.

Hon. Miles B. McSweeney, who first saw the light of day on April 18, 1853, now occupies the exalted position of governor of South Carolina. It was exactly 10 minutes past 11 Saturday night in the parlors of Wright's hotel when the chief justice, standing on one side of a tete-a-tete chair, with Mr. Mc-Sweeney on the other, their hands grasping a small Bible, administered the oath of office. The ceremony was informal, though there was some 50 or more gentlemen, consisting of the State officials, who had made the trip to Sellers, and a number of friends of the

escorted by Secretary of State Cooper, Appelt and others drove up to the ho- veteran that attends a royal reception had awaited the governor's arrival as- her guests. cended to the parlors of the hotel.

At 11:05 the chief justice of the su-Justices Gary and Pope, entered the Carolina divison in Charleston: north parlor, going to the right where they took up their position the chief in advance. Gov. McSweeney, on the arm the South Carolina divisipn, U. C. V., of Attorney General Bellinger, followed at the hospitable invitation of the peohousehold came from the south parlor. At 11:08 Gen. Bellinger, in a few a. m. Sweeney to the chief justice, announcing that he was ready to take the oath of office as governor of South Carolina the volume. The regulation oath was in the State.

for one upon which the oath could be their maids of honor, the sponsors bearsigned. Finally the signatures were ing a banner of their respective brigade, affixed upon a small brass table which regiment or camp will be presented to was a part of one of the large wall mir- the convenvention at an appropriate rors. The blank was an ordinary one time to be named hereafter. used for oaths of notaries.

As soon as Gov. McSweeney had affixed his signature with Justice Pope's vention hall. fountain pen, the chief justice congratulated the governor warmly and was followed by the associate justices.

THE GOVERNOR'S FIRST SPEECH.

Gentlemen-I don't think it is necessary to make a speech on this occasion. I occupy tonight in South Carolina and I ity and life of the camps. promise you I shall endeavor to do my

will not be my fault. No man can feel more sympathy, more honest sympathy than I do tomy home. My wife last night on receiving the news of Gov. Ellerbe's death telegraphed to Mrs. Ellerbe expressing her sorrow at her great loss. God knows I feel sympathy for Mrs. Ellerbe and her children. It is my duty responsibility, and with God's help I holy memories which bind us so closely shall try to do it faithfully. I appreci- together. ate the kind words of these distinguished gentlemen on my left (the supreme court justices). I shall seek them always for advice, and with the atterney general and other State officers I intend to perform the duties of my office as faithfully as I know how. I deeply re-

gret the occasion which makes me governor of South Carolina. I have tried to be as prudent and careful as possible. I have been asked year old daughter of Van Howard, by some why I did not come here to Co- white, and for which he narrowly eslumbia and assume the duties of gov-erner. I believe Gov. Ellerbe did his ville Wednesday for raping eleven year duty and those around him believe that old Cornelia Brooks, colored. The he did his duty, but I believed that he crime was committed a week ago, but wanted to be governor of South Caro- did not come to light till Tuesday lina when he died and I thought his night. He threatened to kill her if she wishes and desires should be regarded. informed on him. It was noticed the Tonight I assume the duty and I ask last few days that she was suffering, those here to help me. I am going to and investigation showed that a crime do my duty as faithfully and as effici- had been committed. The Negroes are ently as I can, and if I don't make a highly wrought up, but it is hardly faithful, true governor it won't be my probable that they will make any attempt to take Walker out of jail, as he

The audience warmly applauded the is closely guarded. governor when he concluded. Attorney General Bellinger at once stepped up to the governor and grasped

Superintendent of Education McMa- ed States and native troops severely Conway branch, Atlantic Coast Line, han was the next to congratulate the punished.

governor and express his appreciation of the sentiments expressed by the governor. Then came Railroad commissioner Garris, Mr. Harris, Gen. Retiring Private Secretary Evans, Watts, Assistant Attorney Gen. Gunter and many others. After congratulating the governor those present paid their respects to the judges and soon the assemblage dissolved.

WILL MEET IN CHESTER.

#### State Reunion of the Confederate Veterans There in July.

This year the annual reunion of the South Carolina division United Confederate Veterans is to be held in the governor present in the parlor at the city of Chester, and although practically all the camps in the State at-Just at 11 o'clock Gov. McSweeney, tended the general union in Charleston is expected that all will be at the tel. The party followed by those who and Chester knows how to entertain

In regard to the reunion the following general order has just been issued preme court, followed by Associate from the headquarters of the South Charleston, S. C., June 1, 1899.

by the other members of the official ple of Chester, will meet at Chester, S. C., Wednesday, July 26th, at 10 o'clock graceful words, introduced Mr. Mc- 2. Arrangements are now being made by the quartermaster general and the veterans of Chester to secure the lowest rates of railroad fare for veterans

5. At some convenient hour, to be announced at the convention, a meeting will be held of the commanders of camps, colonels of regiments and gen-Gov. McSweeney then turning to the erals of brigades to make reports upon gentlemen present spoke briefly as fol- the standing of their commands. They will come prepared to make full reports as to numbers of members and

6. The committee on the Confederate duty faithfully and impartially. If I woman's monument will please meet

7. The chaplain of all camps of this division and of the regiments and brinight for the blow that has befallen gades will please meet the chaplain our State; that spmpathy extended to general at the convention hall at 5

o'clock p. m. July 26th. come, and offers us her most bountiful hospitality. Comrades, show your appreciation by coming in large numbers. Let us gather, perhaps for the last time under the constitution to assume this for many of us, and do honor to the

> C. Irvine Walker, James G. Holmes,

A Human Brute.

"Severely Punished."

Some Interesting Statistics Concerning Them.

THE LENGTH OF EACH ROAD

And What Each Mile is Valued at by the State for Assessment and Taxation.

in Columbia Wednesday to equalize and assess the railroad property in the State. The board went over all of the returns in connection with the earnings condition and other elements considered as to the assessment of the roads and fixed the valuations. The assessments on seven roads were raised, the largest increase being on the Seivern and Knoxville Road, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per mile. The road, it is stated was not completed when the last assessment was made. The following is a table showing the comparative assess-

Charlotte, Columbia and Au-East Shore Terminal .....

Darlington Branch.....

1. The annual convention for 1899 of Walterboro and Western

in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. The chief justice ex- we will secure as heretofore for all contended his right arm, a Bible being in ventions a rate, not exceeding 1 cent his hand, and Mr. McSweeney grasped per mile traveled, from all points with-

then read by Justice McIver and the 3. Each camp, regiment and brigade governor pressed the Bible to his lips. will appoint one sponsor, who will se-This done the cheif justice asked lect her maid of honor, to represent 'where's the table?" and looked about them at the reunion. The sponsors and

4. Camps will bring their camp banners, and will carry them into the con-

the work they are accomplishing, and | Charlotte, Columbia & I realize the importance of the position other matters bearing upon the activ-

am not governor of South Carolina it the chairman at the convention hall at East Shore Terminal. 10,000 4 o'clock p. m. July 26th.

8. Chester extends to us a loving wel

Adjutant General, Chief of Staff.

has just served a year's term in the penitentiary, attempted rape on the five

following dispatch from Gen. Otis at

# OUR RAILROADS.

Miles Main Track.

Ashley River road . . . . . 4.00 Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line . 129.99 Asheville and Spartanburg.... 24 00 C. and D. (Salisbury Branch... 11.00 Fibson Division............ 36.27 Carolina and Northwestern . . . . . 37.00 Columbia and Greenville......164.98 Columbia, Newberry and Laur-Central of South Carolina..... 40.20 Carolina, Knoxville and Western 15.00

Charleston and Savannah...... 90.50 Florida Central and Peninsular . 103.85 Georgetown and Western ..... 37.00 Hampton and Branchville..... 16.00 Hartsville..... 10.00 Lancasterand Chester...... 28.60 Pregnall Branch.... 46.97

Northeastern 2.90 Ohio River and Charleston 117.70 Charleston and Savannah (Sea Seivern and Knoxville 18.00 purpose I use No. 8 stocking yard and put from two to four leaves tegether, South Carolina Pacific (S. A. L.) 10 50

Wilmington, Columbia and Au-Wilson and Summerton..... 40 25 1898. Ashley River......\$ 9,000 \$13,000 Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line..... 16,000 Asheville and Spartanburg..... Berkeley..... 3,000 3.000Blue Ridge...... Branchville and Bow-

Carolina..... C. & D. (Salisbury Branch)..... 6,006 Gibson Division.... Carolina and Northwestern..... Columbia & Greenville 10,000 Columbia, Newberry & Laurens..... Carolina Midland . . . . Central of South Carolina..... Carolina, Knoxville & Western ..... 1,000

Augnsta..... 13,000 land Gap........ Charleston & Savannah 13,000 Florida Central and Peninsular..... Florence Latta Branch 4,000 Georgia, Carolina and

15,000

Northern..... 10,000 10,000 Green Pond, Walterboro and Branchville Georgetown & Western Glenn Springs..... Hampton & Branchville 1,000 Hartsvilla ..... Lancaster and Chester. Manchester & Augusta 10,000 Pregnall Branch.... 5,000 Darlington Branch. 6,000 South and North Carolina Division..... 1,000 Northeastern ...... 16,000 Northeastern ...... Ohio River & Char-Babe Walker, a notorious Negro who

3,000 Palmetto ..... South Carolina & Geor-Charleston & Savannah (Sea Island Branch). Scivern and Knoxville. Spartanburg, Union & 8,000 So. Ca. Pacific (S A L) 8,000 Walterboro & Western 1,000 1,000 Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta..... 10,000

Conway Branch..... 4,000 5,000 Wilson and Summerton 3,000 In case any of the railroads are not satisfied with the increases that have been made by the board, there will be a hearing on Friday, the 2d of June.

As will be noted the only increases The war department has received the \$4,000 per mile; Carolina and Cumber- Goodson in the stomach. The latter sympathy with this action. Road, \$2,500 per mile; Manplied the secretary, "the call will probably be for 10,000 men."

In volunteers are cancer for, replied the secretary, "the call will probably be for 10,000 men."

In volunteers are cancer for, replied the secretary, "the call will probably be for 10,000 men."

Manila, dated June 1: Smith reports chester and Augusta, Sumter and North from Negros that he has punished in Carolina division. an increase of \$1.500 family, stating that they would always surgents who murdered Capt. Tilley; on 16 miles; Seivern and Knoxville that eastern coast of island now under Road from \$1,000 to \$5,000; Spartanfrom \$4,000 to \$5,000.

## TOBACCO CULTURE.

What Theo. Edwards says About it in Southern Tobacco Journal-

Now comes topping, when judgment

is to be exercised. This should be done

myself). I don't know that topping is so important when you prime as when you cut; still to get the best results l think judgment and discretion is to be used. I top to an average of ten to twelve leaves, and make 800 to 1,000 The State Board of Equalization met | pounds per acre. Some top fourteen to sixteen leaves, and get from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. They do not get so much colory tobacco, however, when they top high. As to worms, they make their first appearance the last of May or the first of June or about full moon in June. Then plants put out, say, the first week in May will be about twelve to fifteen inches high. We usually begin to set about 25th of April, and try to finish by 6th of May-anyway by the 10th. After the latter date it does not do so well either in field or curing barn, and besides you will get the August showers of rain, which are troublesome and do great damage. Tobacco put out by or before 10th of May miss these showers, because it is cured and in packhouse. I use nothing to keep off or destroy worms but Guinea chickens. I prefer them to turkeys because turkeys are difficult to raise. I follow after Guineas and destroy all eggs and

kill such worms as they do not get.

With early planting and these chick-

ens I do not consider worms amount to

Now comes priming, as soon as your lugs show they are ready for the curing barn. I first cut my tobacco, believing as I was told by buyers, it was better tobacco and would bring me more money. I did not find it so. Comparing my sales with those who primed I found they got more money than I did, and it was because they had more yellow tobacco than I got by the cutting process. I then took to priming, and soon saw that I was right; that almost all my tobacco was colory tobacco, and that my averages were better. I still think, however, something is lost in weight by priming, but the color will more than make up for difference in weight. My crop last year was late, did not get it set until about 15th of May, yet it averaged me eleven cents net. I was not fortunate in striking the market at any time when it was at its best. I have Manchester and Augusta ..... 64.31 never been fortunate in getting fancy 37.64 prices for my crops, and have never cents-that was four or five years back. Yellow tobacco did not do so well last inferior grades are generally heavier.

year as inferior grades, and I find After priming off leaves they are ing is done on the sticks. For this five bundles to each stick. These are placed in the barn from eight to ten inches apart, when fire is built in furnaces and heat run to 90, 95 ar 100 de-ally moving on up as the appearance of the leaf indicates that you may do so. until we reach 110 degrees. Here we stand until we get on what color we want, or until we get a bright pea green which is generally from ten to fifteen hours in July, when we first begin to cure. It takes some longer as the nights begin to get cool, and you go higher up the plant. Rarely, however does it take so much as twenty-four hours to put on color. After leaving 110 degrees move up at rate of 21 degrees per hour, or as fast as the leaf indicates that it will take the heat. I seldom dwell long at any given point. If the leaf takes heat all right before getting to 125 degrees and from this point to 135 or 140, I dry out my leaf never advancing, however, more than 2½ degrees per hour. When the leaf is dry and the sap is in the stem. I move on up gradually at this same rate, halting and standing two or three or four hours at 145, then on up to 150 by this slow process; then stand two or three hours; then on up at same rate to 160, and finally on to 170. At this point I kill out the stem. I don't think it safe to go higher than 170 to stay any length of time; in fact, I think that this season I will kill out at 160 and believe that I will get better tobacco than I would by running a higher heat or even

Raising Tomatoes.

immediately sent into the buds next

below the cluster, which soon push

strongly and produce another cluster of

flowers each. When these are visible

the branch to which they belong is also

topped down to their level. This is

means the plants become stout, dwarf

bushes, not over 18 inches high. In

addition to this, all the laterals are

nipped off. Treated in this way, the

fruit acquires a beauty, size and excel-

lence unattainable by any other means.

Further, if the leaves and trimmings of

the tomatoes be made into a strong tea

and sprinkled on the cabbage, it will

keep off those troublesome green worms.

Homicide at Eastova.

On Saturday week at Eastover, in the

lived until Monday, when he died. An

inquest was held by the magistrate and

the vicinity of Gadsden.

done five times in succession. By this

Prepare the soil, which should be

Too Much Whiskey.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C. says Doc Tharpe, a member of Company A, Fifth immunes, Wednesday night shot and killed Aaron Bishop, a mem-

The last testament of the actor and theatrical manager, proprietor of several theatres, "Creole," and other burlesque companies, who died April 27 last, was filed for probate today in the office of the surrogate. It contains this remarkable provision: "It is my wish. first and foremost, that my brother James and my wife Emma shall become

Ex-Confederates Snubbed. The exConfederates living at Columbus, Ohio, received a snub in that city on memorial day last week. A magnificent floral tribute was tendered by the Southerners for the graves of the Union dead at Green Lawn Cemetery which was refused. Great indignation lower portion of Richland county, Paul followed among various members of the Goodson, colored, was killed by Sailor G. A. R. Post. The southerners are Taylor, also colored. The slayer is assured by action of the committee that still at large. The men quarreled, it this action represents only the individ-

The steamer Kinship Maran brings news from the Orient of a large fire at

THE WHOLE TRUTH

Lynching Not the Result of Hatred

Between the Races. WILL ALWAYS PUNISH CRIME.

by the best man available (I do this It is Not Race Prejudice, But a

Determination to Punish the

Perpetrators of Crime, White and Black Alike.

An ex-slave, formerly a body servant to Alexander H. Stephens, has written a letter relative to the race situation in the south, in which he denies that there is any bitterness between the two races and declares that lynching does not come as the result of any hatred for the blacks, but lynching is the natural punishment for certain crimes in the south, be the perpetrator black or white.

The Negro who has written this interesting letter is J. J. Floyd, a shoemaker by trade and is regarded as thoroughly honest and conservative. His letter in full is as follows:

"Since the lynching of Sam Hose at Newnan, Ga., I have remained quiet and watched all of the publications on the subject accessible to me. I would not now open my mouth on the subject. but for the fact, that so many public men of the north have taken the occasion to write column after column on a subject of which they know almost nothing. I am a Negro and one of only ordinary observation, but intelligence enough to see how very far our friends in the north miss the mark. They seem bent and determined to make the lynching of the Negroes in the south a race question, when, in fact, it is not and cannot be such. It is not hatred of my race that brings about their lynchings; it is hatred of the crimes committed and the perpetrator, black or white.

"If our would-be friends of the north would take the trouble to come down and investigate the condition of the whites and blacks in the south, they would shave down their opinions and public expressions to fit the facts. "No two races were ever so harmoni-

ous upon the same soil as the Anglo-Saxon and the African of the southern "When the institution of slavery was abolished by the decree of war the white man accepted the situation and has trying to fit the Negro for the duties of full citizenship. The northern people don't seem to know, or in anywise to understand the great burden upon the whites of the south—that of civilizing and educating an entire nation of different blood. The better class of Negroes in the south have come to under-

pose of transforming the millions of blacks that are a constant and ever present menace to good society among both white and black. "There are a great many Negroes who are trying, with the aid and en-couragement of their white friends to educate their daughters and protect their virtue against the outrages of the brute who would disregard virtue and trample under foot the dearest interest of society. There are millions in our race and perhaps thousands of the white race who can never be reached by moral teachings; physical fear is the only deterrent, and this is had only by

stand the situation and have joined

themselves with the whites for the pur-

punishment any has yet received. "Ia my judgment our northern friends, and all newspapers, as well as the leaders of our own race, would do more good by crying out against these awful crimes than by abuse of a noble and generous people for inflicting a just and merited punishment.

open, public, speedy and terrib'e judg-

ment for crimes more horrible than the

"No, it is not a race question; it is only an issue between right and wrong; between good and evil; between vice and virtue, and as for me and mine, I shall side with the virtuous and those who protect virtue and be content with the punishment inflicted upon the vicious and those who lust after virtue and

"Quit the crime and you will avoid the punishment."-Atlanta Journal.

ber of Company G, of the same regiment, while shooting at ex-Serrt. Acton rich loam, by plowing deep and harrowof the district police. Tharpe was ing well. Then set your plants in rows drunk. He and his comrade were musthree feet apart, and two feet apart in tered out at Camp Meade Wednesday rows, running north and south, if possiand were en route home. Tharpe came ble, in order to secure better advantage from Mississippi and Bishop from Gadsof the sunshine. Cultivate by plowing den. Ga. and hoeing. When the plants begin to bloom top the stem Willed Away His Wife. Sam T. Jack, of New York, willed just above the first cluster of his wife to his brother James C. Jack. flowers, so that the flowers terminate the stem. The effect is that the sap is

husband and wife." James C. Jack was asked if he would accept the bequest of his brother, but he would make no statement.

As will be noted the only increases appears, about some fish hooks, when are those of the Ashley River Road of Taylor jerked out his pistol and shot fusal and that the G. A. R. has no

Disaster in Japan.

a verdict was found in accordance with the facts. Efforts are now being made Yamagata, Japan. Six hundred houses to capture Taylor, who was last seen in and eleven shrines and temples were destroyed. A number of lives were Lime is very cheap, so there is no ex- lost. Thirty nouses were burned in the cuse for not using the white wash brush | Abohisa theatre fire at Kobe, April 30. One man perished.